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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 22-Apr-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week 04/22/00	Previous Week 04/15/00
Bro-Fry	147,390	156,613
Lt Hens	2,089	2,332
Hvy Hens	1,483	1,390

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 15-Apr- 2000 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	484	0	484
Last Week	561	11	572
Same Wk Yr Ago	441	0	441
To Date 2000	8,176	50	8,226
To Date 1999	7,336	113	7,449

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,743	1,335	4,078
Last Week	2,570	1,356	3,926
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,951	1,343	4,294
To Date 2000	38,736	20,499	59,235
To Date 1999	39,949	20,072	60,021

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 15-Apr-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	154,848 (A)	2,259	1,335	3,594
Avg Wt	5.05	3.44	7.87	5.09
Last Week	153,585	2,009	1,345	3,354
Same Week Yr Ago	151,880	2,510	1,343	3,853
Avg Wt	5.07	3.43	7.69	4.91
To-Date/2000	2,306,771	30,560	20,449	51,009
To-Date/1999	2,245,298	32,613	19,959	52,572

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 149.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.7 million head or 7.3 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection, Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending April 08, 2000

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	32,524	38,204	44,881
Avg Weight	3.66	4.72	6.10
% Of Total /1	28%	33%	39%
Comparisons			
Last Week	30,629	33,997	40,399
Avg Weight	3.75	4.66	6.07
% Of Total /1	29%	32%	38%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	32,451	19,823	45,120
Avg Weight	3.80	4.83	5.98
% Of Total /1	33%	20%	46%
To Date/2000	471,922	448,513	557,001
To Date/1999	464,518	393,187	596,806
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 08-Apr-2000 (Thousand Head)

	Young (B)	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	4,912	0	75	4,987
Avg Wt	25.81	0.00	26.61	25.82
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	5,261	30	51	5,143
Same Week Yr Ago	4,492	29	43	4,564
Avg Wt	26.74	24.66	26.40	26.73
To-Date/2000	64,511	200	542	65,253
To-Date/1999	62,762	255	429	63,446

(B) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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